REMARKS

In the Office Action mailed November 28, 2007, the Examiner noted that claims 1-8, 10, 12-16, 20-25, 27-31 and 35-63 were pending, and rejected claims 1-8, 10, 12-16, 20-25, 27-31 and 35-63. Claims 29-31, 40, 44-46, 48, 55, and 59-63 have been amended, claims 1-8, 10, 12-16, 20-25, 27-28, 35-39, 42-43, 47-54, and 56-58 have been canceled, new claims 64-68 have been added; and, thus, in view of the foregoing claims 29-31, 40, 44-46, 48, 55, and 59-68 remain pending for reconsideration which is requested. No new matter is believed to have been added. The Examiner's rejections are respectfully traversed below.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112

On page 2 of the Office Action, claims 1-8, 10, 12-16, 20-25, 27-31 and 35-57 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. Claims 1-8, 10, 12-16, 20-25, 27-28, 35-39, 41-43, 49-54 and 56-57 have been cancelled without prejudice and, therefore, the rejection is considered to be moot. Claims 29-31, 44-46, 48 and 55 have been amended to change their dependencies and, therefore, satisfy the requirements under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103

On page 3 of the Office Action, claims 1-8, 10, 12-16, 20-25, 27-31 and 35-63 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Herr-Hoyman (USPN 5,727,156) in view of Freishtat (USPN 5,945,989).

Claims 1-8, 10, 12-16, 20-25, 27-28, 35-39, 41-43, 49-54 and 56-58 have been cancelled without prejudice and, therefore, the rejection is considered moot.

Herr-Hoyman is directed to posting hypertext documents to a hypertext server so as to make the hypertext documents accessible to users of the hypertext document system while securing against unauthorized modification of the posted hypertext documents (see Herr-Hyoman, col. 1, lines 28-33). According to Herr-Hoyman, a server verifies e-Card data to check the validity of the credit card numbers and checks to insure that a unique ID is still available (see Herr-Hoymann, col. 4, lines 18-34).

In contrast, claim 59 "determin[es] whether or not a Web page corresponding to said account name *is open*". Further, claim 59 requires "opening a Web page corresponding to said account name" if the Web page is not opened. Herr-Hoymann does not teach or suggest the

above-mentioned feature since Herr-Hoyman is merely concerned with verifying e-Card data and is not concerned with "*opening a Web page*" if it is determined that a Web page is not opened.

Freishtat is directed to empowering clients to directly control their content on the World Wide Web by creating dynamic, spontaneous, constantly changing, current source of information for visitors to an Internet site (see Freishtat, col. 4, lines 15-19). According to Frieshtat, a screen is presented to a user after creating a Web page by clicking on the create button or after modifying a Web page after clicking on the modify button (see Freishtat, col. 7, lines 60-65 and Fig. 10). As a result, the name and properties of the Web page appears in the fields presented to the user.

Claim 59, in contrast, requires "opening of a Web page corresponding to said account name" if the Web page is determined not to be opened. Freishtat does not teach or suggest such a feature since col. 7, lines 60-66 of Freishtat is merely concerned with presenting properties of a Web page to a user after the Web page has been created or modified rather than "opening a Web page".

According to Fig. 10 of Freishtat, the user of the Web page can delete, modify, or reset the properties (e.g. page name, hostname of web server, etc.) of the Web page (see Freishtat, col. 8, lines 1-8). Further, the user can set the properties of the Web page after all the information in the properties has been entered by clicking on the create/modify/confirm button (see Freishtat, col. 8, lines 9-12). However, Fig. 10 of Freishtat fails to teach or suggest "opening a Web page" as recited in claim 59. Rather, Fig. 10 of Freishtat is merely concerned with setting, deleting, or modifying the properties of a Web page instead of "opening the Web page" when it is determined that the Web page is not opened.

Therefore, in light of the above-mentioned reasons, it is submitted that neither Herr-Hoyman nor Freishtat, taken alone or in combination, teach or suggest "*opening a Web page*", as recited in claim 59, if it is determined that a Web page is not open.

Further, nothing has been found in either Herr-Hoyman or Freishtat that teaches or suggests the feature of "said connection information includes a server name, an account, a password, a homepage address, and a homepage folder name in file transfer protocol" as recited in amended claim 59.

Therefore, in light of the above-mentioned reasons, claim 59 is patentable over Herr-Hoyman and Freishtat, taken alone or in combination.

Further, claims 60-63 have been amended to emphasize similar features as claim 59. Therefore, claims 60-63 are patentable over Herr-Hoyman and Freishtat, taken alone or in combination, for reasons similar to those discussed above with respect to claim 1.

The dependent claims 29-31, 44-46, 48 and 55 are patentable for at least the same reasons as their respective base claims.

Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

New Claims

New claim 64 emphasizes the feature of a case where a connection to a network is a dial-up connection, said client obtains the user identification information which is used for said information obtaining request from a setting input of the dial-up connection.

New claim 65 emphasizes the feature of a case where a connection to the network is other than a dial-up connection, said client uses the user identification information which is inputted from the user for said information obtaining request.

New claim 66 emphasizes the feature of wherein after a fact that the client is a registered user of said server was recognized from a set mail address, said client issues the information obtaining request using said user identification information.

New claim 67 emphasizes the feature of wherein the obtaining request of said connection information and its response between said client and said server are processed by a protocol having a security function.

Therefore, new claims 64-67 are patentable over the references for at least the same reasons as their base claim 59.

New claim 68 has been added to recite:

68.   (new) A method, comprising:
        acquiring information necessary to establish a file transfer protocol between a client and a server by the server automatically establishing a Web page that corresponds to an account name when the Web page is not established;
        establishing the file transfer protocol between the client and the server after the client receives the information necessary to establish the file transfer protocol;
        transferring a designated file to be stored in a folder of the Web page from the client to the server; and
        storing the designated file in the folder that corresponds to the established Web page to permit opening of the Web page.

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It is respectfully submitted that neither reference, taken alone or in combination, teach or suggest the above-mentioned features (e.g. automatically establishing a Web page) as recited in claim 68. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that new claim 68 is patentable over the references.

Summary

In accordance with the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that all outstanding objections and rejections have been overcome and/or rendered moot. Further, all pending claims patentably distinguish over the prior art. There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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